PATENTS.*

1. References may be made direct by the Government of India to the Director of Land Records and Agriculture, Bombay, for opinion regarding applications for patents for agricultural implements received from private individuals in cases in which doubt exists as to the novelty of the alleged invention. (G. R., G. D., No. 2106, dated 14th June 1886.)

2. Under Section 48, sub-section (3), and Section 62, sub-section (3), of the Inventions and Designs Act, V of 1888, the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct that the fees for the time being payable under those sections shall, from the 1st April 1889, be collected in cash instead of by means of stamps. (G. I., R. & A., Notn. No. 489, dated 20th March 1889; *vide* G. N., G. D., No. 1363, dated 4th April 1889.)

3. Under the provisions of Section 11, sub-section 3, of the Inventions and Designs Act, V of 1888, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint the new Record Office, Bombay, as the place where copies of specifications of inventions and designs filed in the office of the Secretary to the Government of India in the Revenue and Agricultural Department can be inspected. (G. N., G. D., No. 3977, dated 25th September 1889.)

4. Inspection of copies of the specifications of patents filed in India should take place at the new Record Office. A fee of Rupee 1 should be charged for the inspection of specifications of patents filed in India. A similar fee should also be charged for the inspection of copies of specifications of patents registered in England in cases where assistance is required from the Record Office. (G. M., G. D., No. 3976, dated 25th September 1889.)

5. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 11, sub-sections (1) and (2), and Section 49 of the Inventions and Designs Act (V of 1888), the Governor General in Council is pleased to declare that every applicant for leave to file a specification of an invention shall cause to be delivered, or sent with the specification to the Secretary, not fewer than five copies thereof, and to direct that the fifth of these copies shall be sent by the Secretary to the Director of Land Records and Agriculture, North-Western Provinces and Oudh. (G. I., R. & A., Notn. No. 292-352-4-P., dated 9th February 1892; *vide* G. N., G. D., No. 520, dated 17th idem.)

6. Under Section 49, sub-section (1), of the Inventions and Designs Act, 1888, and in supersession of the notification in the Revenue and Agricultural Department No. 884-P., dated 29th April 1890, the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct that in the first paragraph of the form of application in the second schedule to the said Act, the following amendment shall be made with effect on and

* This subject was dealt with by the General Department up to the end of February 1893.

from the 1st July 1892, namely, after the words 'in respect of the invention' add:—

'(*Here state whether an application has or has not at any time been made in the United Kingdom by, or on behalf of, the applicant for a patent in respect of the invention, and if any such application has been made, describe the progress of that application, adding a reference to every place in the Official Patent Journal where mention of the application, or of any proceeding thereon, is made.*)'

(G. I., R. & A., Notn. No. 526-P., dated 8th March 1892; *vide* G. N., G. D., No. 926, dated 23rd idem.)